

It is a perfect demonstration of why scrapping the 60-vote threshold for legislation would be catastrophic. For important bills to have a stable and lasting impact, they need broad bipartisan buy-in.

NOMINATION OF MARTIN JOSEPH WALSH

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, now, on a completely different matter, this afternoon the Senate will vote on the President's nominee to head the Department of Labor.

I will be voting against confirming Mr. Walsh. The Biden administration has already signaled they will ask him to implement a variety of policies that do not serve the long-term interests of American workers.

Unfortunately, it appears that won't just be the case at the Department of Labor but throughout the Democratic agenda.

One of the President's first acts in office was to kill thousands of American jobs, including union jobs, by canceling the Keystone XL Pipeline. Both, working Americans and domestic energy security, took a back seat to a leftwing signaling.

We are hearing that the next few months might bring a so-called "infrastructure" proposal that may actually be a Trojan horse for massive tax hikes and other job-killing, leftwing policies.

Remember, the House Democrats tipped their hand last year. They published a sprawling proposal that pretended to be a highway bill but was really just a multithousand-page cousin of the Green New Deal. It would have plowed unbelievable sums of money not into the kinds of big, practical projects that Americans even think of as "infrastructure" but also into their obsessive focus on climate policies to the exclusion of everything else.

Look, we know what kinds of policies are actually pro-job and pro-worker. We know what kind of agenda helps American workers build all-American prosperity up and down the income scale.

We know that because, just over a year ago, before the pandemic, 4 years of Republican policies had built one of the most inclusive and optimistic economies in modern history. Wages were growing faster at the bottom than at the top. Unemployment was at historic lows. American workers were a hot commodity and were getting compensated accordingly.

Pro-worker prosperity does not entail having Big Government politicians or Big Labor bosses micromanage every aspect of the economy to suit liberal fads. It means remembering what kind of pro-worker, pro-growth, pro-opportunity policies built the best job market in recent history right before this pandemic.

Those are the ideas and the solutions that were unlocking more money and more opportunities for American work-

ers before COVID-19 took the world by storm. And those are the ideas and solutions the American people elected 50 Republican Senators to fight for.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The majority leader.

ELECTING KAREN H. GIBSON AS SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 127, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 127) electing Karen H. Gibson as Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 127) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 128, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 128) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 128) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 129, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 129), notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 129) was agreed to.

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RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. DUCKWORTH). The majority leader is recognized.

WELCOMING KAREN H. GIBSON, SERGEANT AT ARMS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, this is a great and historic day. A few weeks ago, I announced that LTG Karen Gibson would assume the responsibility as Senate Sergeant at Arms, becoming only the 42nd Sergeant at Arms in Senate history. I am very pleased this afternoon to make her appointment official, with her family watching on—her father David, her mother Rebecca, her sister Kathleen, her brother-in-law Daniel, her nephew Bennett, and her cousin Aaron.

Lieutenant General Gibson is taking on a really big job, and I know that her family could not be more proud of her.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms was established more than two centuries ago, when the U.S. Senate was still in its infancy. Back then, the primary duty of the Sergeant at Arms was essentially senatorial babysitting; recalcitrant Senators made finding a quorum a routine challenge. Today, the Sergeant at Arms is the Senate's chief administrative officer and chief law enforcement officer. They have enormous responsibility of keeping the trains running on time while, at the same time, keeping everyone, everyone in the Capitol safe.